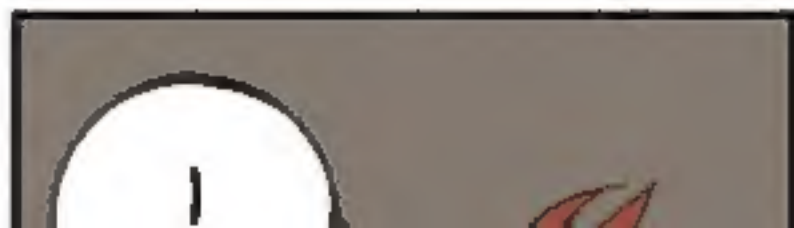


HOW TO BECOME A DRAGON



- EPISODE 7 -





WHAT BRINGS YOU
ALL THE WAY HERE?





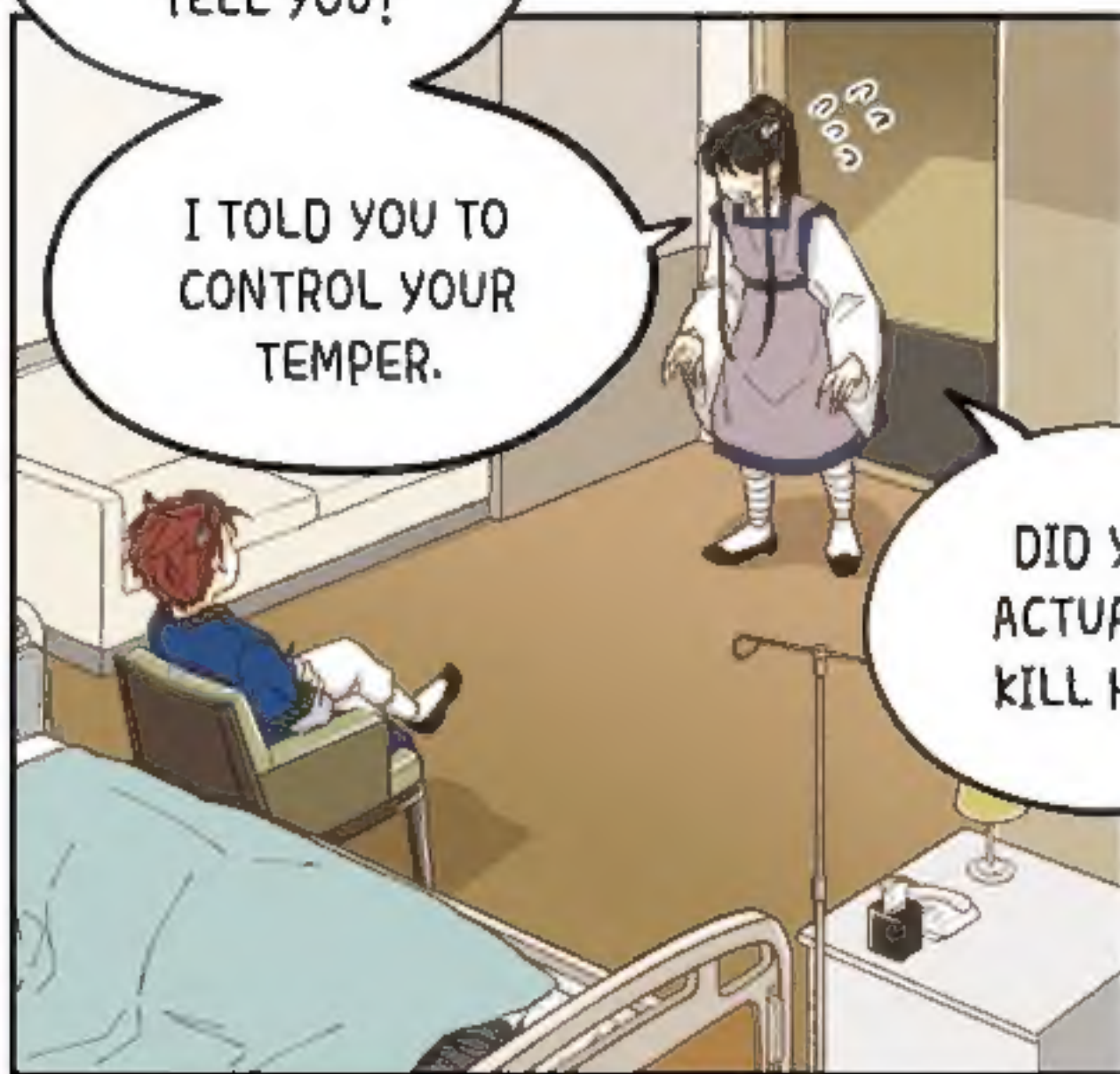
DU-DUN



M-MIRI,
WHAT DID I
TELL YOU?

I TOLD YOU TO
CONTROL YOUR
TEMPER.

DID YOU
ACTUALLY
KILL HIM?



GOSH, IT'S
BEEN A WHILE
SINCE WE'VE SEEN
EACH OTHER...

...SO CAN'T YOU
AT LEAST SAY HI
BEFORE TELLING
ME OFF?

AND...

WH
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WHAT'S
YOUR PROBLEM,
YOU FREAKING
PSYCHO?!

YOU LANDED ME



HIS FATHER AND
GRANDFATHER ARE WORKING
THEIR BUTTS OFF TO
KEEP THIS QUIET...

S CONFERENCE

HES PERFECT!

WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE
NUISANCE MY SON HAS CAUSED.

FINE...

...BUT THIS BASTARD
REFUSES TO HELP OUT
IN ANY WAY.

WHAT? CRYBABY?
YOU SHUT YOUR TRAP--



TAKE A CLOSE
LOOK AT WHAT
YOU'VE DONE.

LOOK AT IT!
DOES THAT
STILL MAKE ME
A CRYBABY?



YOU'RE THE ONE
WHO WRECKED MY ARM,
SO YOU CAN'T SAY S**T!





OH, SORRY
I DIDN'T INTRODUCE
YOU EARLIER.

!!

YOUNG,
COME OVER HERE!

THIS IS YOUNG,
MY DEAR MENTOR.

HEY,
LET ME GO!







A HUMAN AS
YOUR MENTOR?
THAT'S HILARIOUS.

AS FOR
THIS KID'S ARM,
HE DESERVED THAT,
SO DON'T BOTHER

FEELING SORRY HIM.

ARE YOU OUT OF
YOUR GODDAMN MIND?
YOU ATTACKED ME OUT
OF NOWHERE, AND YOU'RE
TELLING ME I DESERVED
THIS?

I SWEAR
I'M GONNA THROW
YOU IN PRISON!

AH...

WHY DOES THIS SCENE
SEEM SO FAMILIAR?



MIRI, I HEARD YOU GAINED
A POWERFUL ASSISTANT...



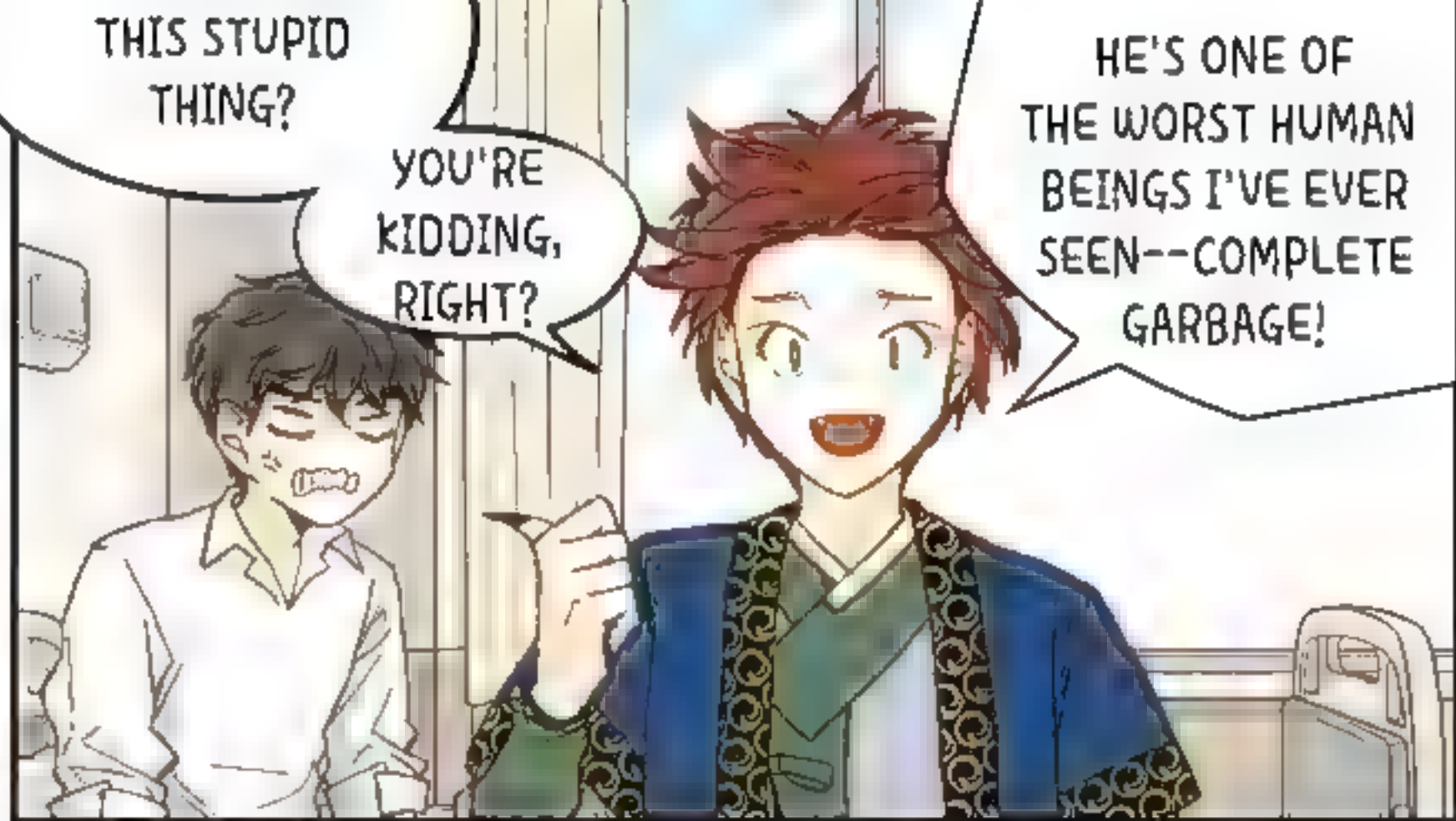
...BUT YOU TWO DON'T
SEEM TO GET ALONG
TOO WELL.

POWERFUL?

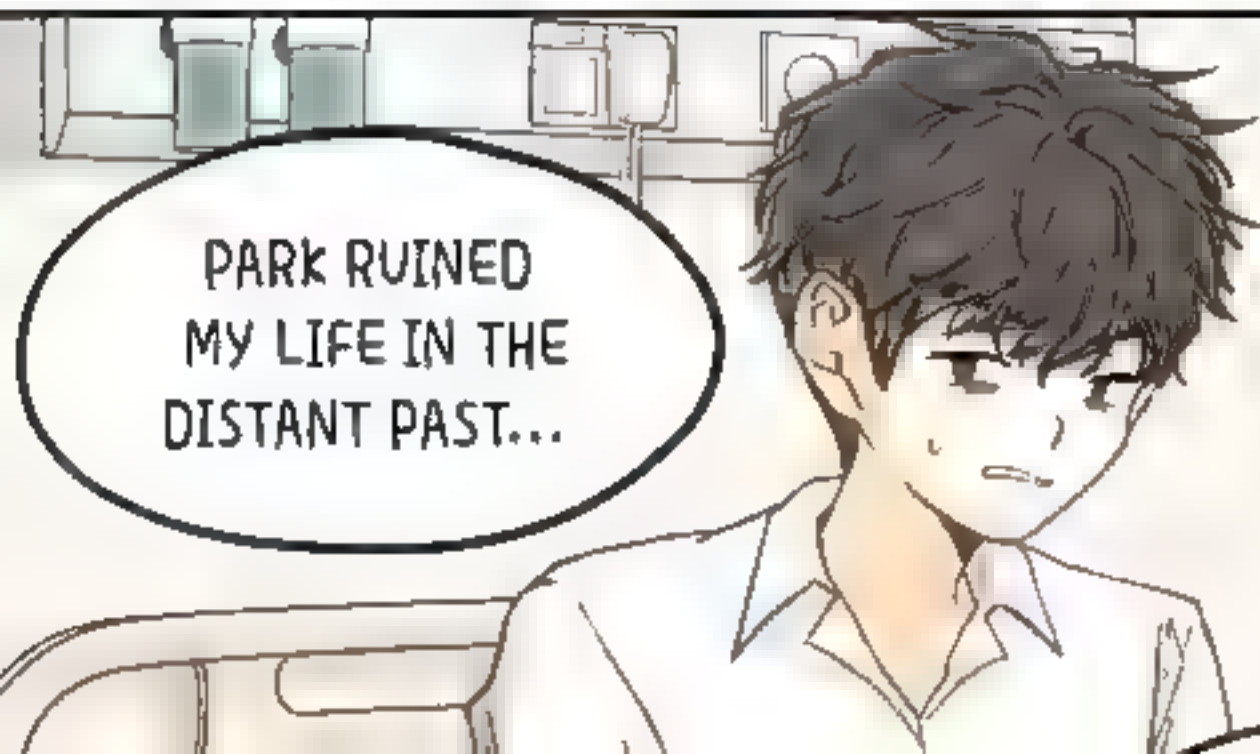
THIS STUPID
THING?

YOU'RE
KIDDING,
RIGHT?

HE'S ONE OF
THE WORST HUMAN
BEINGS I'VE EVER
SEEN--COMPLETE
GARBAGE!



PARK RUINED
MY LIFE IN THE
DISTANT PAST...



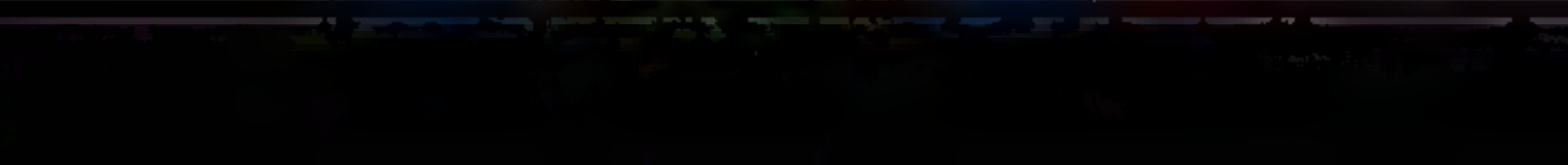
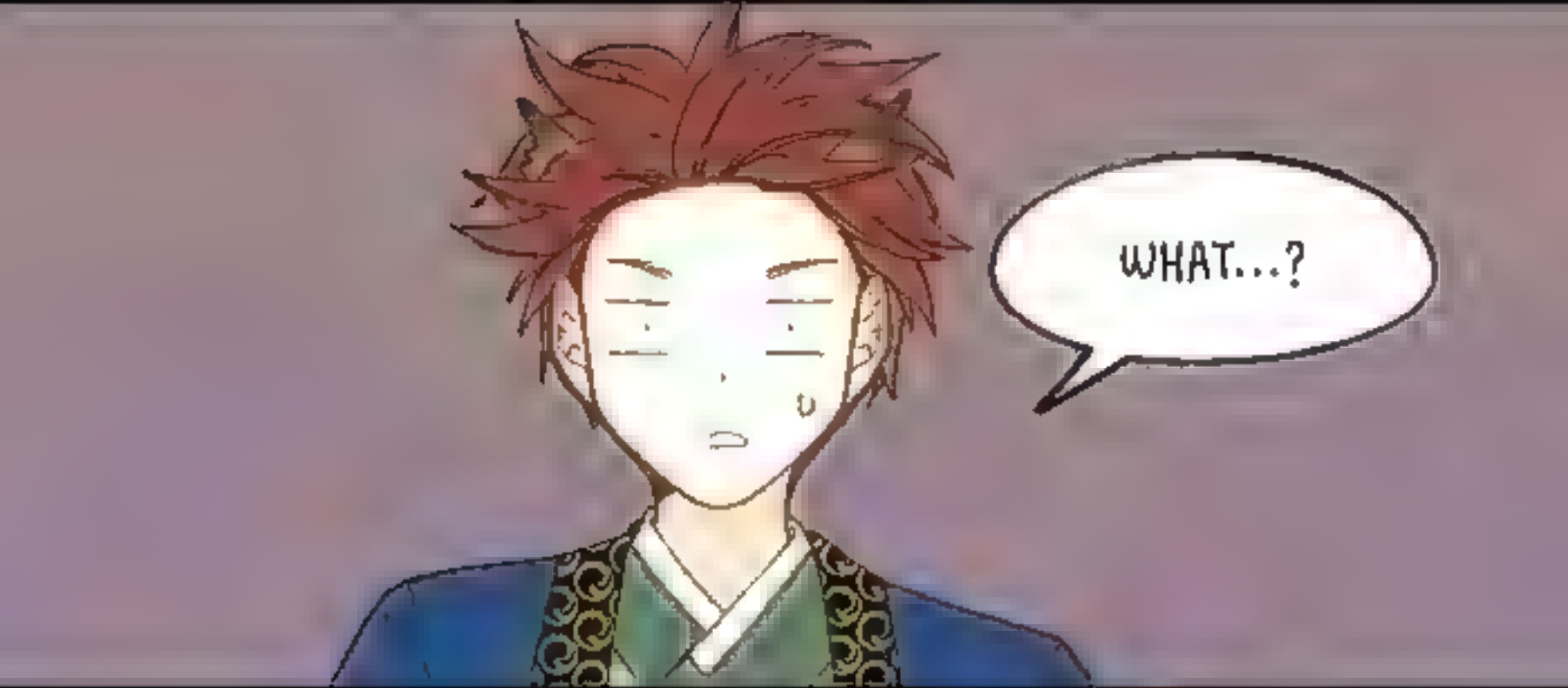


...BUT AT LEAST
HE TOOK GOOD CARE
OF HIMSELF AND
HIS FAMILY.

BUT LOOK AT HOW
HIS DESCENDANT TURNED OUT.



UH. WHAT?



DIDN'T YOU HEAR
WHAT YOUR FATHER
AND GRANDFATHER
JUST SAID?

SO WHAT?

...!!

DOESN'T THE
FAMILY BUSINESS
MATTER TO
YOU?

IF YOU
DON'T LISTEN TO ME,
YOUR FAMILY WILL LOSE
ALL THE WEALTH
YOUR HOUSEHOLD
MANAGED TO ACQUIRE!



...WINDING TO RECOVER.

THEY SAY RICH FAMILIES
CAN GET BY FINE FOR THREE
GENERATIONS EVEN
AFTER FINANCIAL RUIN.

AND SINCE
I'M THE THIRD
GENERATION FAMILY
MEMBER, I HAVE NOTHING
TO WORRY ABOUT.

BLOW





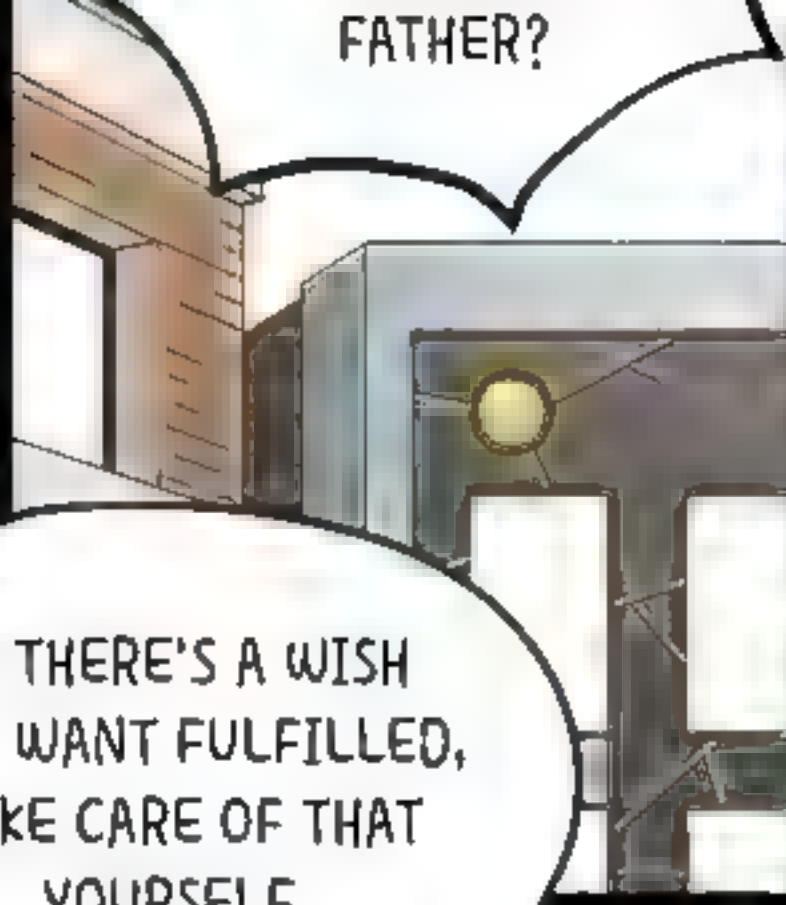
I-I CAN KICK YOU
OUT OF THE HOUSEHOLD
WITHOUT A PENNY
TO YOUR NAME!



THAT'S OKAY,

I HAVE SOME STOCK
REGISTERED UNDER
MY NAME.

SO YOU INTEND TO
DISOBEY YOUR



FATHER?

IF THERE'S A WISH
YOU WANT FULFILLED,
TAKE CARE OF THAT
YOURSELF.

ALL I WANT IS
TO EAT WHEN I WANT,
SLEEP WHEN I WANT...



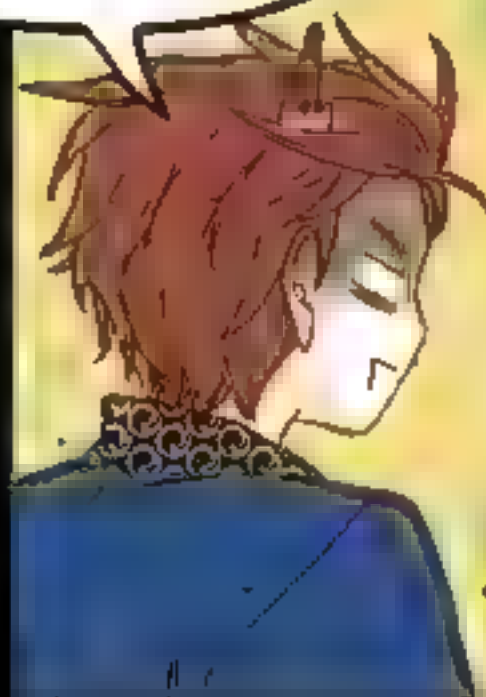
...AND LIVE
MY LIFE THE WAY
I WANT.



MY DAD CAN
TAKE CARE OF YOUR
PROBLEM.

YOU UNGRATEFUL
LITTLE...

HEY, DON'T YOU SEE
ME SURVIVING IN THIS
WRETCHED WORLD?
THAT MAKES ME A PLENTY
GOOD SON.





I DIDN'T
ASK TO BE BORN,
DID I?

IT'S EXHAUSTING
TO JUST LIVE!



ISN'T IT A PARENT'S
RESPONSIBILITY TO
SOLVE THEIR CHILD'S
PROBLEMS?



HOW COULD
THEY ADD MORE PROBLEMS
TO MY LIFE INSTEAD OF
SOLVING THEM?



SO STOP WASTING
YOUR TIME WITH ME,
AND JUST GO TALK TO
MY OLD MAN. HE'LL GET
YOU WHAT YOU WANT
IN A JIFFY!

...



YOU
UNGRATEFUL
SCUM!



ACK!



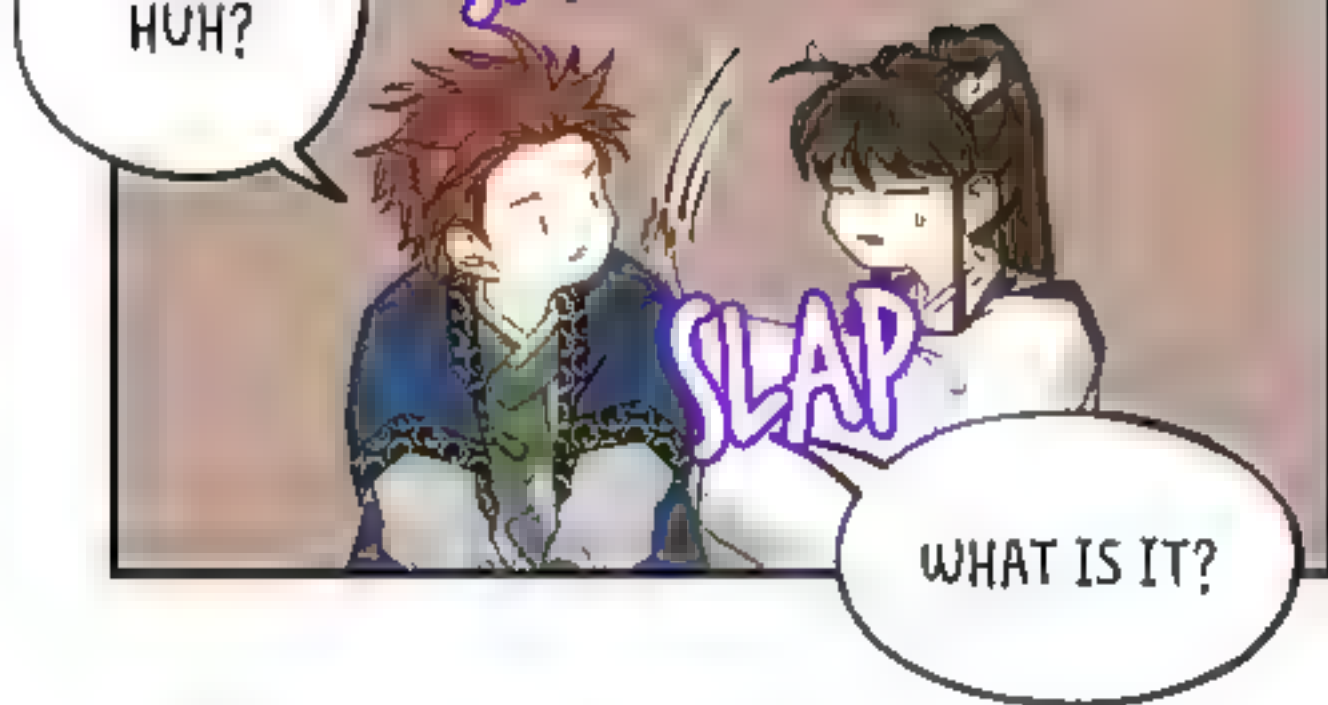
HE LIVES OFF OF THE FRUITS
OF HIS ANCESTORS' LABORS,

BUT HE NEVER CONCERNS HIMSELF
WITH HIS FAMILY'S BUSINESS.



AND ALTHOUGH HE HAS
NOW SEEN WELL OVER
TWENTY SUMMERS, HE STILL BLAMES
HIS PARENTS FOR EVERYTHING.
WHAT A PATHETIC FOOL...

SLAP





HE'S ON THE BRINK
OF DEATH.

HEY, IF YOU HATE
THIS MAN SO MUCH...

GURGLE

GURGLE

...WHY DIDN'T YOU
PICK SOMEONE WHO'S

EASIER TO MANIPULATE?

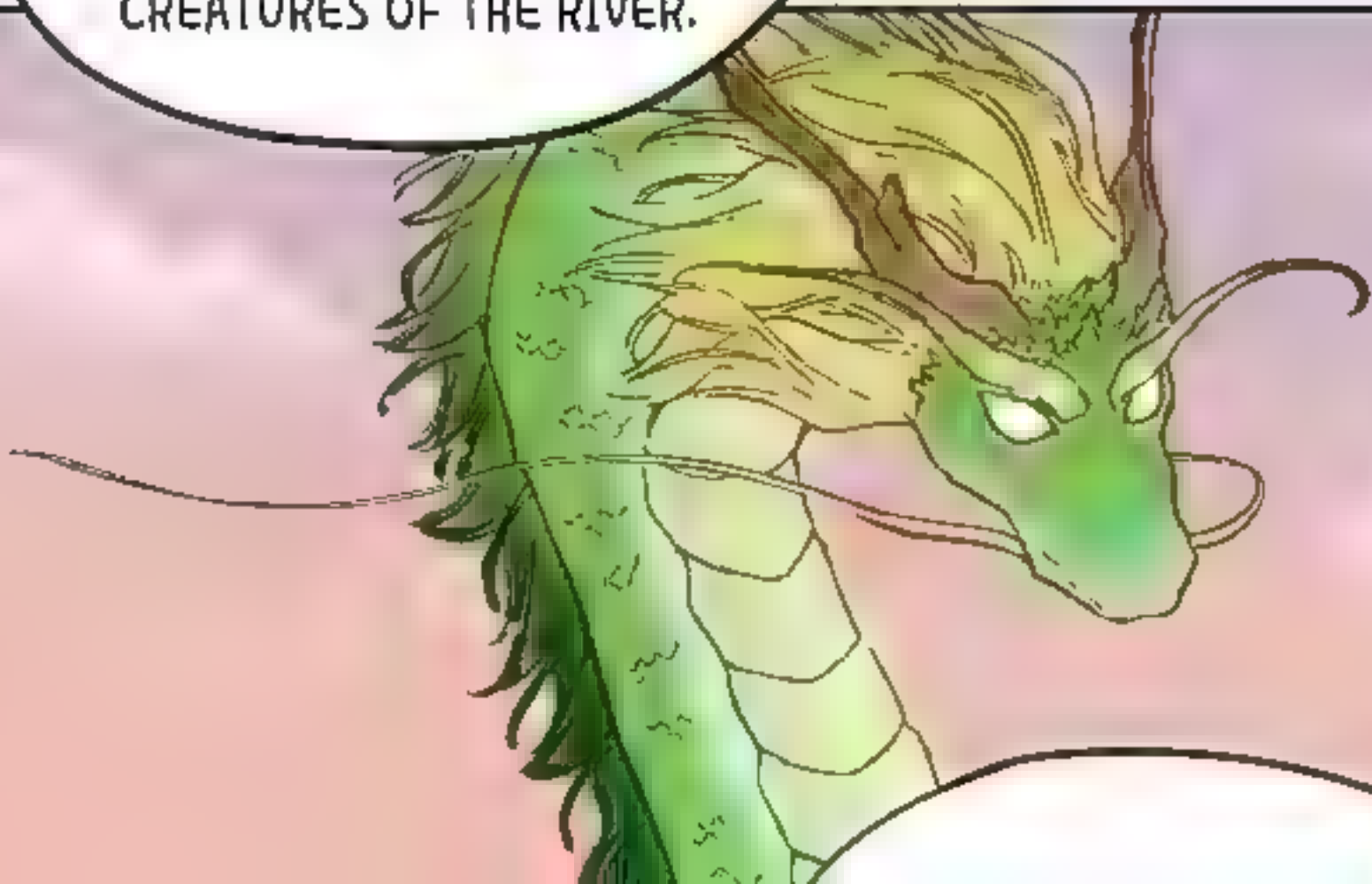
BARI, YOU DON'T
GET IT, DO YOU?

THIS IS THE TRUE
SUBJECT OF
CHEONRYONG'S
TEST.

WHAT...?



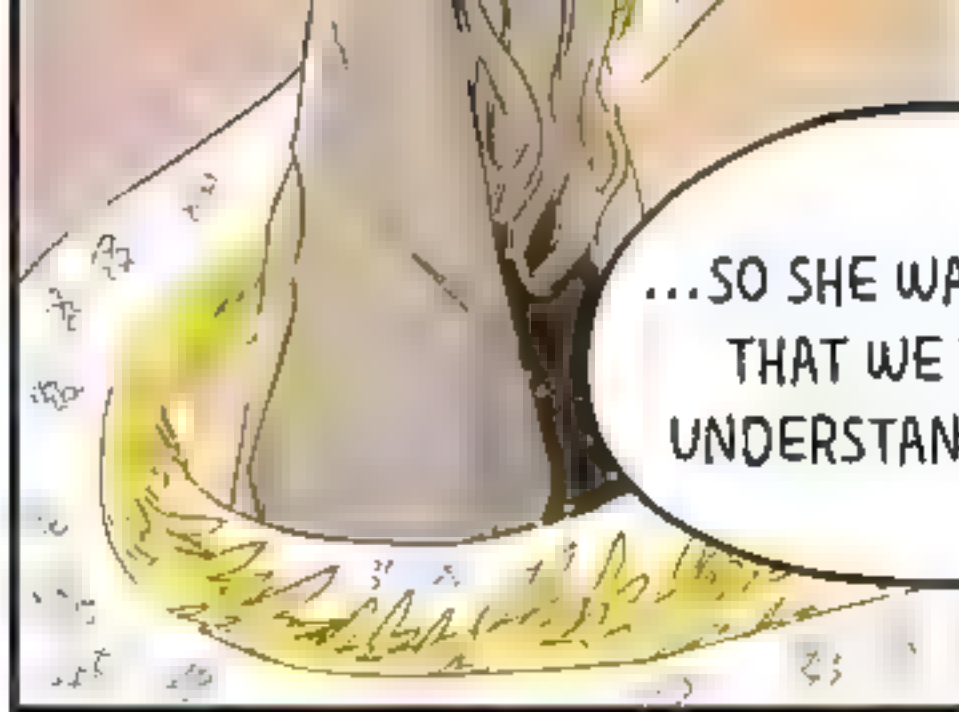
ONCE YOU
BECOME A DRAGON,
IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO
RULE OVER ALL THE SMALL
CREATURES OF THE RIVER.



TRY AS THEY MIGHT,
HUMANS ARE NOTHING
BEFORE A DRAGON'S MIGHT.

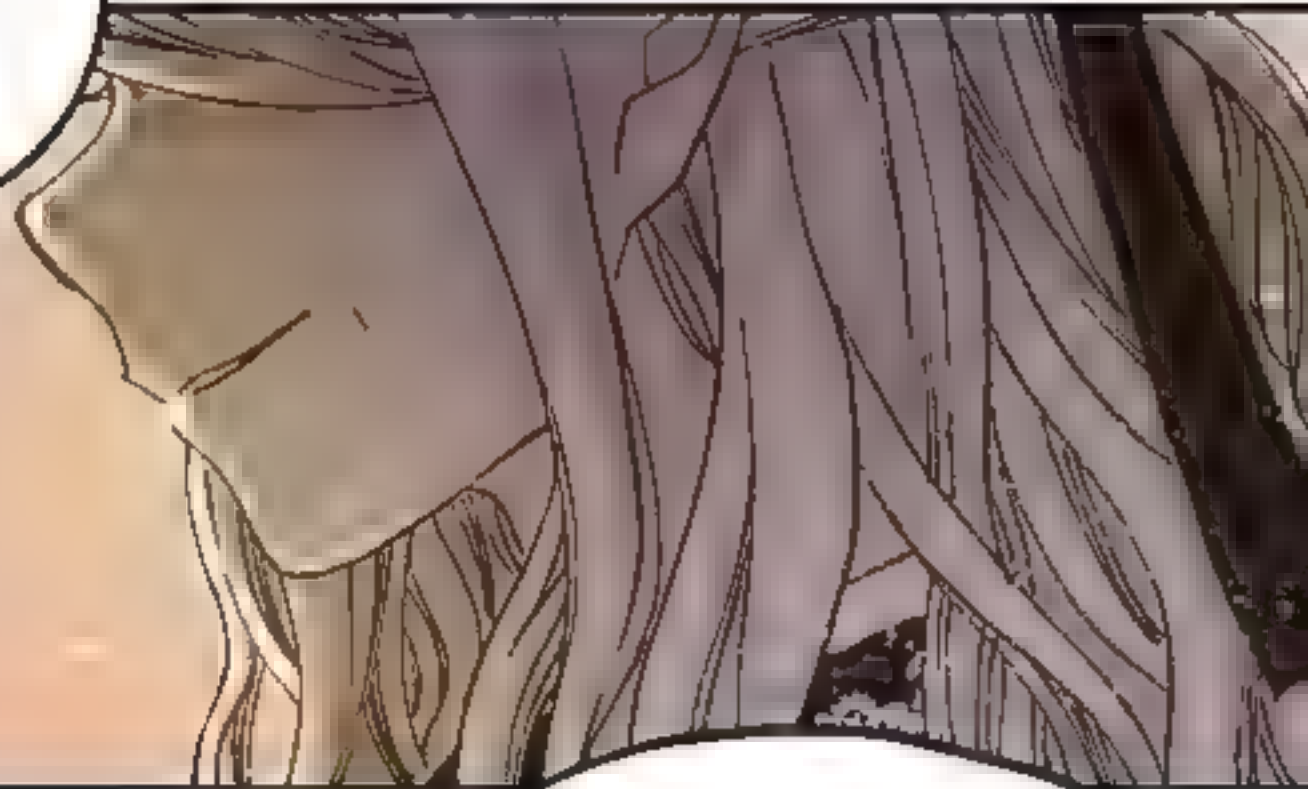
CHEONRYONG IS
A KIND DRAGON...





...SO SHE WAS ADAMANT
THAT WE TRY AND
UNDERSTAND HUMANS.

BUT IF YOU
READ BETWEEN
THE LINES...



SHE ULTIMATELY WANTS

...SHE ULTIMATELY WANTS
TO KNOW WHO'D BE THE
MOST EFFECTIVE RULER
OVER HUMANS.

REWARD THOSE
WHO OBEY...

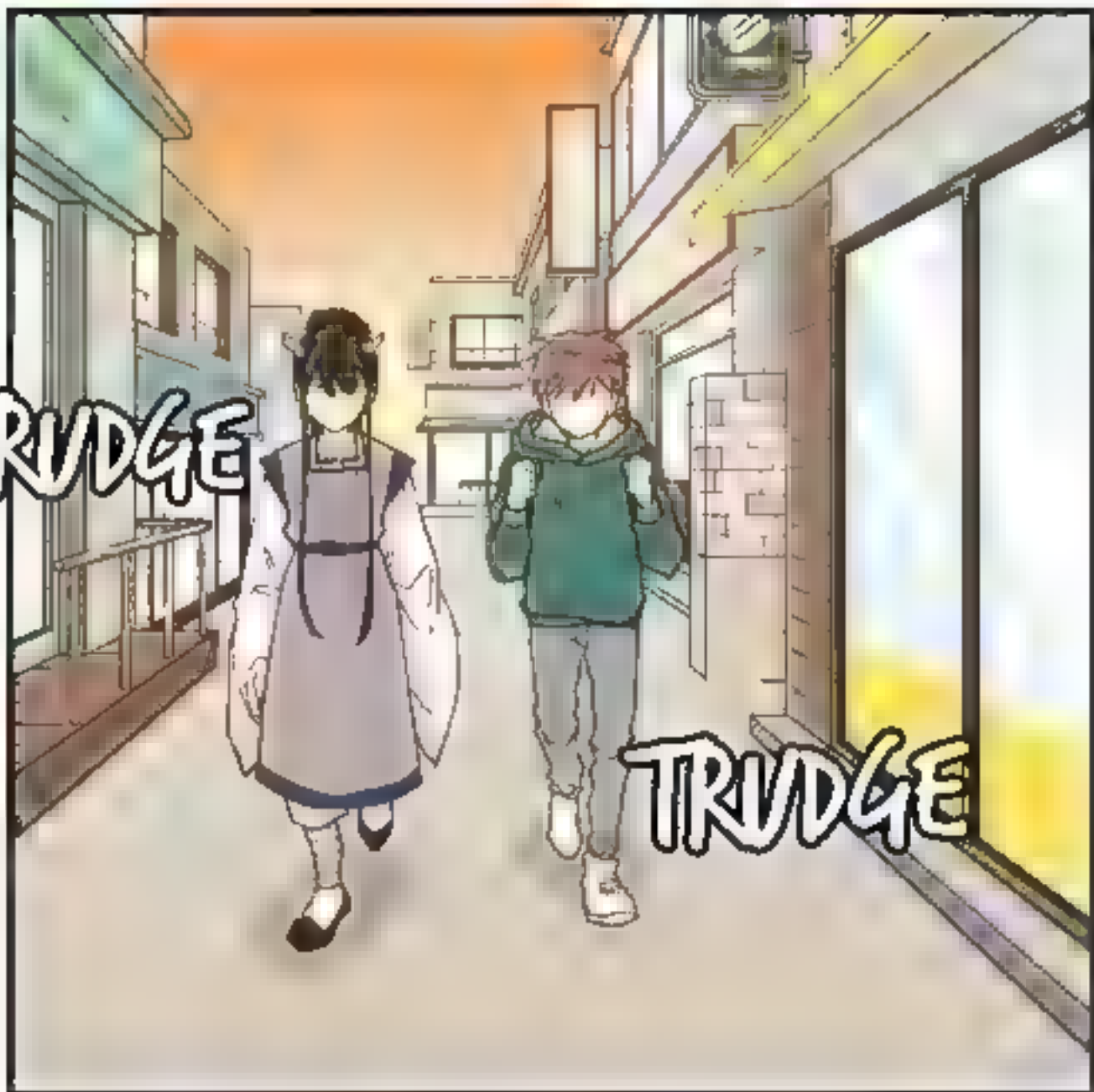


...AND PUNISH
THOSE WHO REBEL.

YOU MUST EXACT
TOTAL OBEDIENCE FROM
ALL HUMANS.

THAT'S WHAT IT
TAKES TO BECOME
THE DRAGON OF
THE NAKDONG RIVER!

TRUDGE



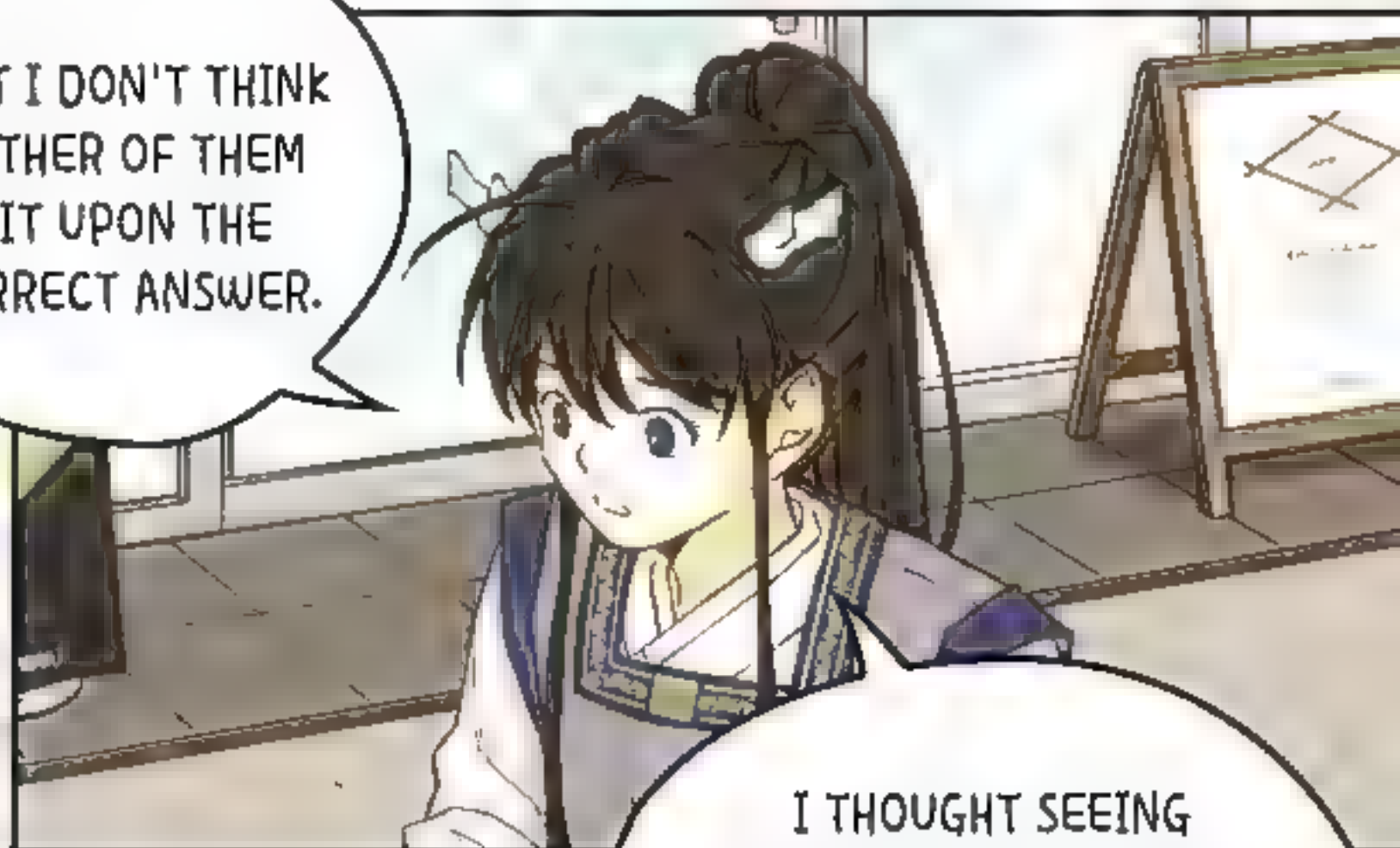
TRUDGE

A young man with brown hair and a green jacket is looking out a window. He has a thoughtful expression. The background shows a brick wall and a window with a yellow light source.

MIRI AND
YEONGNO...

...THEY BOTH
HAVE A POINT.

BUT I DON'T THINK
EITHER OF THEM
HIT UPON THE
CORRECT ANSWER.



I THOUGHT SEEING
MY FRIENDS WOULD HELP
ME SEE THE LIGHT, BUT
NOW I JUST FEEL
MORE STUCK.

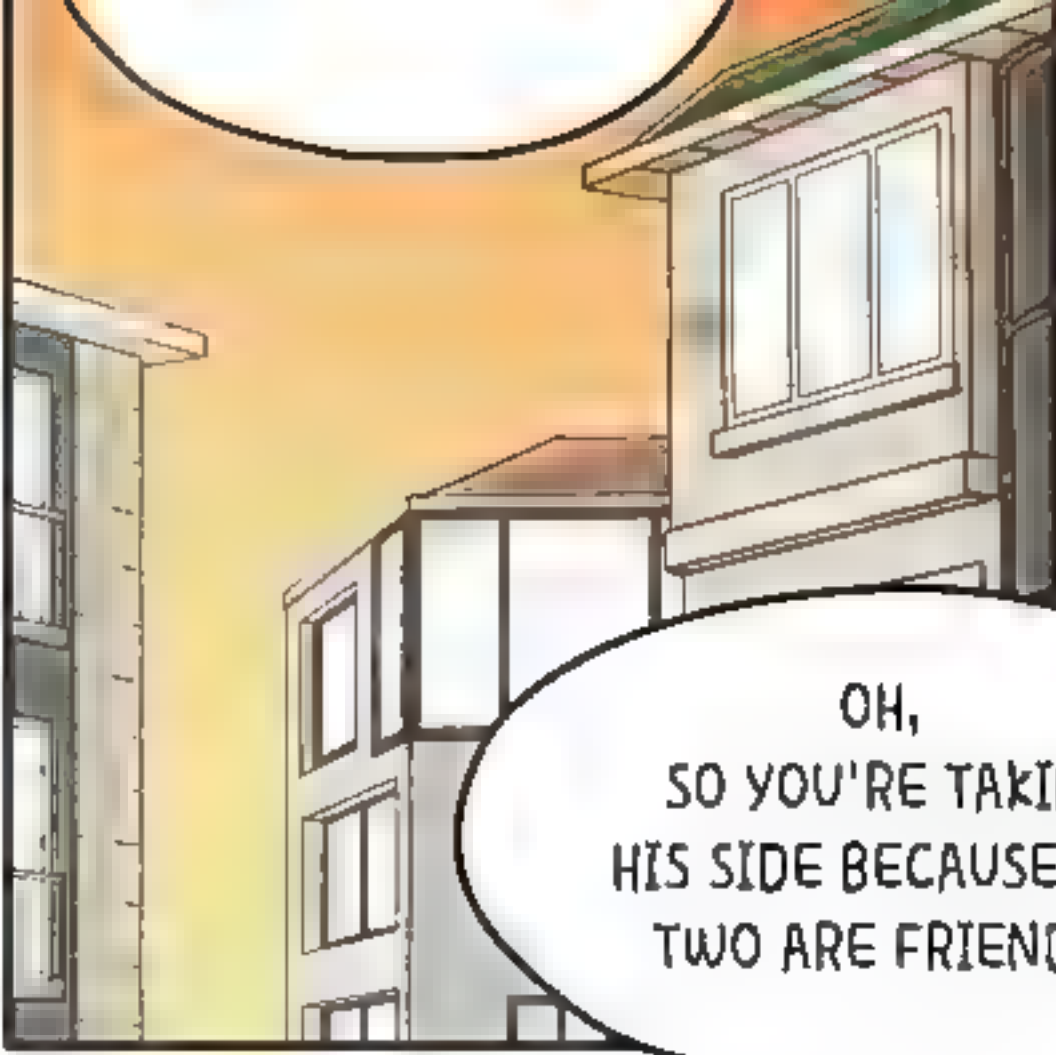
WELL,
AT THE VERY LEAST,
I'M GLAD THAT YOU DON'T
AGREE WITH THAT
FASCIST IMAGERY

FASCIST IMOOOI...

WHAT'S A FASCIST?

IT MEANS
THAT REDHEAD
WE JUST MET IS
A TYRANT.

I KNOW HE HAS
A BIT OF A TEMPER,
BUT HE'S NO TYRANT!

A comic panel showing a building at sunset. A large speech bubble is in the foreground.

OH,
SO YOU'RE TAKING
HIS SIDE BECAUSE YOU
TWO ARE FRIENDS?

A comic panel showing a character in a hallway. A speech bubble is on the left, and sound effects are on the right.

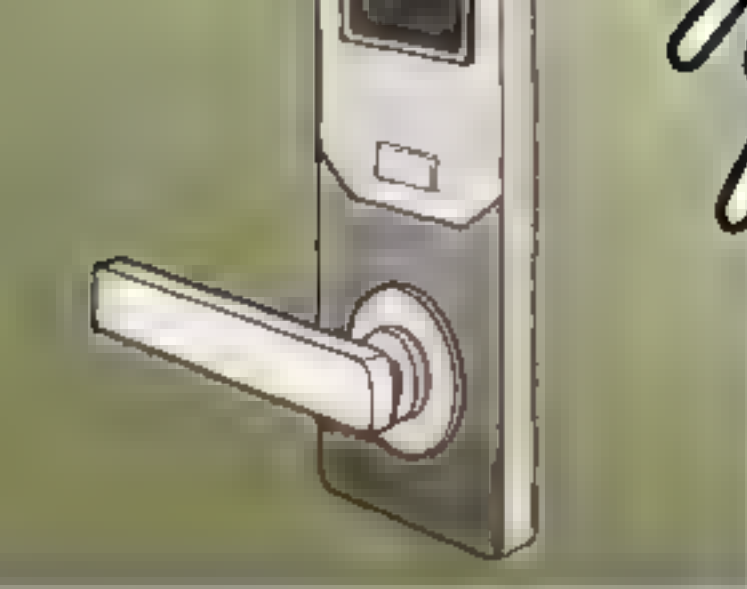
BUT IN
ANY CASE...

BEEP
BEEP

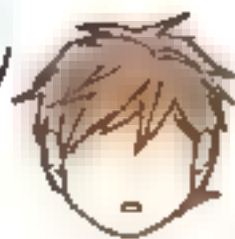


HAS
SOMETHING
OCCURRED
TO YOU?





WELL, NOW
I KNOW STUDYING
AT MY DESK ALL DAY
ISN'T THE WAY TO
GO ABOUT THIS.



THIS SOUNDS
MORE LIKE A
PRACTICAL EXAM
THAN A WRITTEN
ONE...

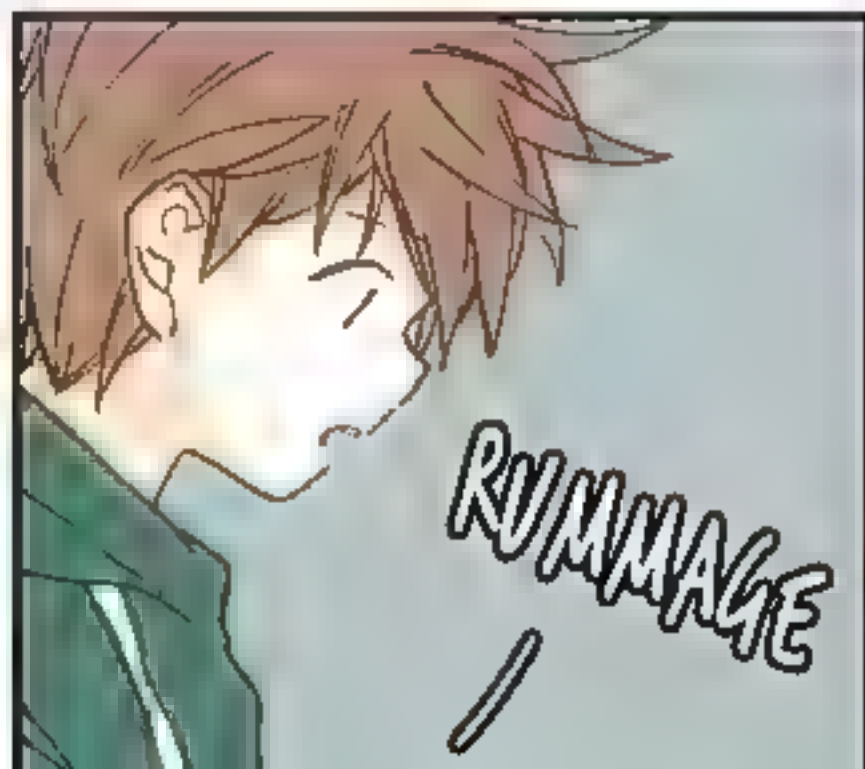


...SO LET'S TRY
SOME PRACTICAL
EXERCISES!





I'M SURE IF YOU THINK
AND SPEND YOUR DAYS
LIKE A HUMAN...



...AND LIVE AMONGST THEM,
YOU'LL NATURALLY LEARN
ALL ABOUT HUMAN NATURE.

RATHER
THAN SNEERING AT
THEM ON A HIGH HORSE
OR OBSERVING THEM
THROUGH TRICKERY...

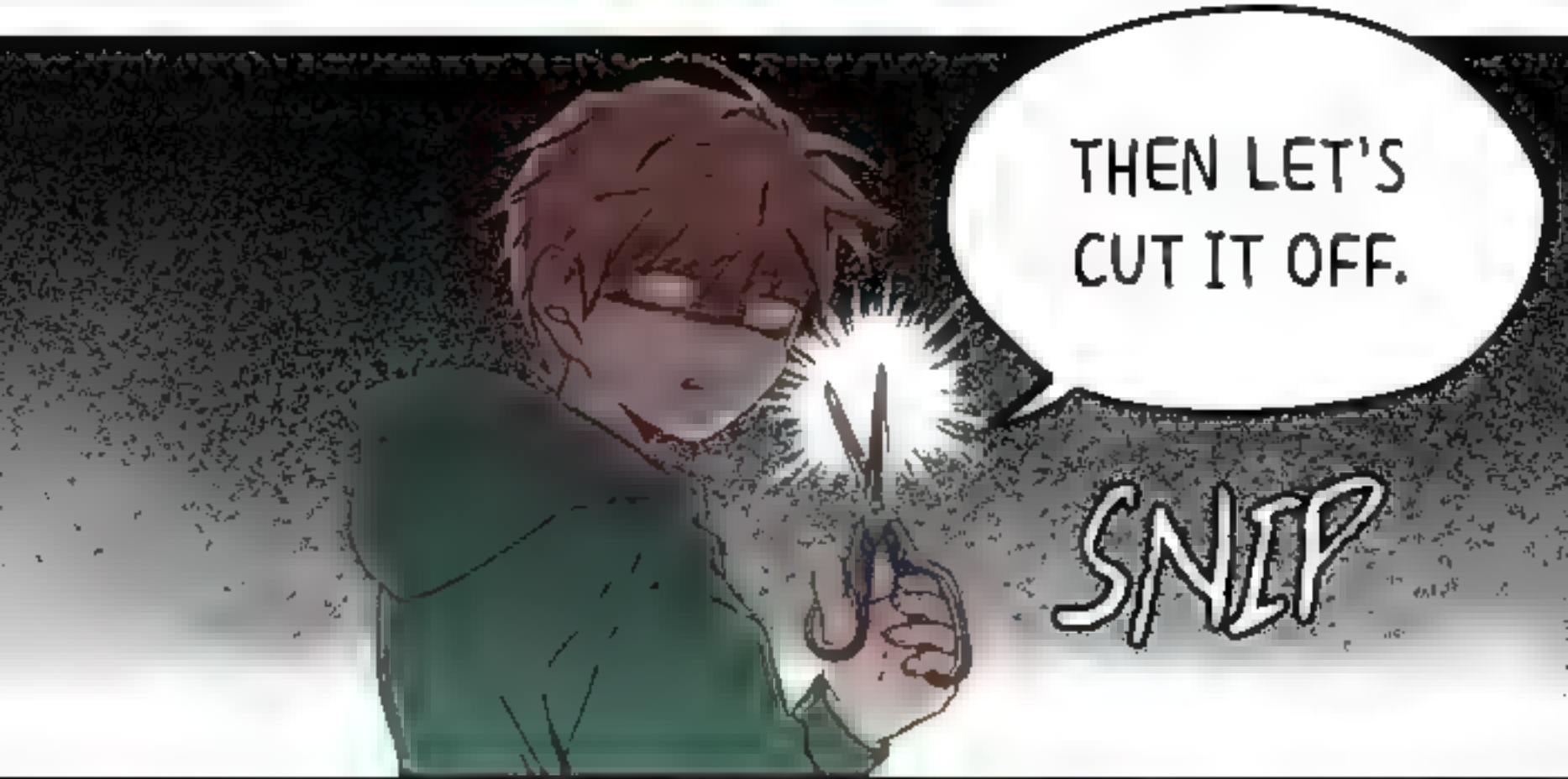


...YOU WOULD
ACTUALLY LIVE
AS ONE OF THEM.

HMM...THAT IS
A GOOD IDEA.

RIGHT?





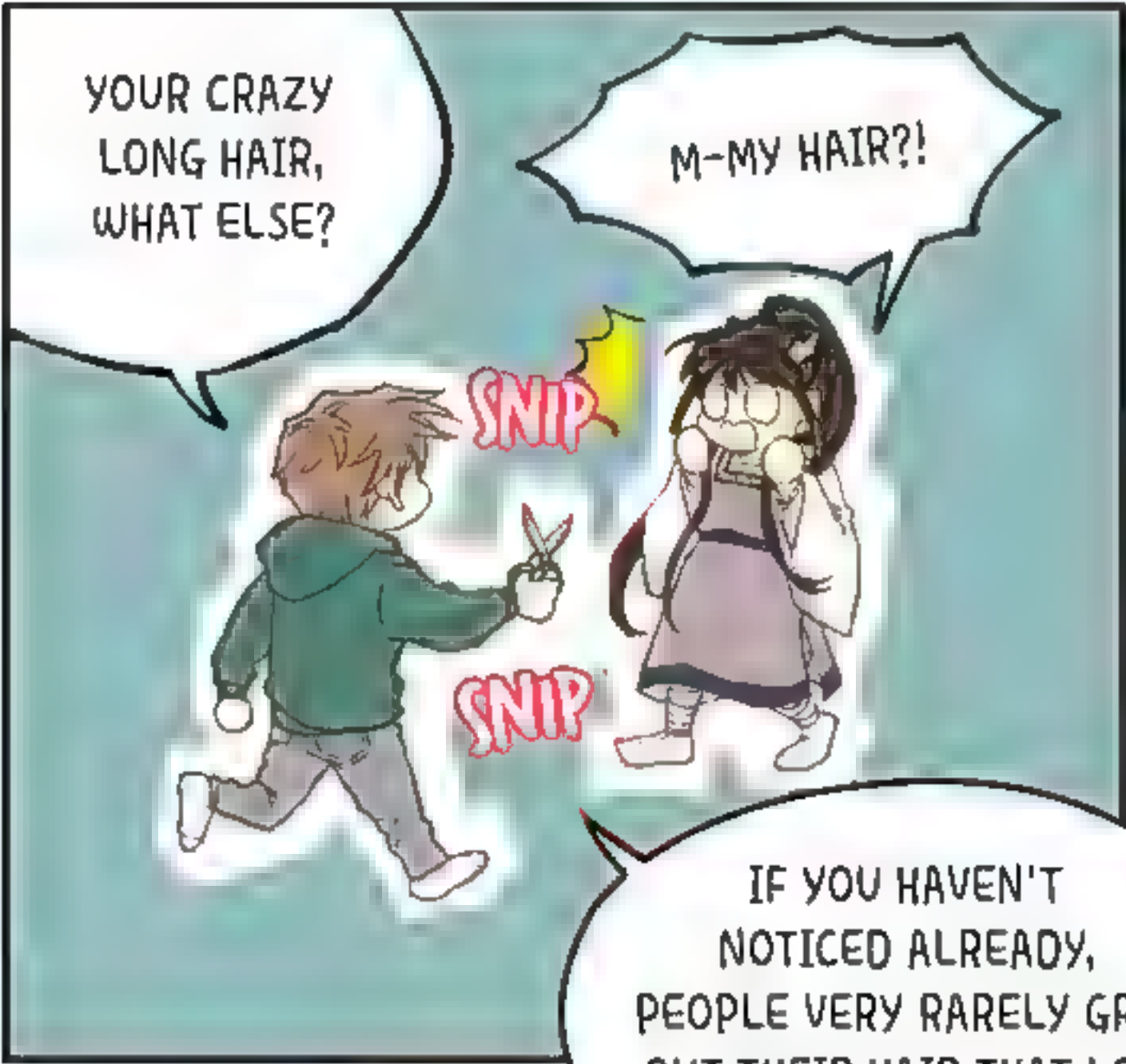
THEN LET'S
CUT IT OFF.

SNIP



HUH?

CUT
WHAT OFF...?



A comic panel with a teal background. On the left, a boy with brown hair, wearing a green hoodie and grey pants, is running towards the right while holding a pair of scissors. On the right, a girl with long dark hair, wearing a purple dress and a white cardigan, is looking startled with her hands near her face. Two red, jagged sound effects labeled 'SNIP' are positioned between them, indicating the hair is being cut. Three speech bubbles are present: one from the boy, one from the girl, and a large one at the bottom from an unseen character.

YOUR CRAZY
LONG HAIR,
WHAT ELSE?

M-MY HAIR?!

IF YOU HAVEN'T
NOTICED ALREADY,
PEOPLE VERY RARELY GROW
OUT THEIR HAIR THAT LONG
THESE DAYS.

THERE'S A
ONCE-IN-A-MILLENNIUM
EXAM ON THE LINE...

...AND YOU'RE
CONCERNED ABOUT
YOUR HAIR?



IT'S OKAY,
ONCE YOU GET INTO
COLLEGE--

I MEAN,
ONCE YOU TAKE YOUR TEST,
YOUR HAIR WILL GROW BACK
AND YOU'LL LOOK BETTER
THAN EVER.

URGH...

BUT...









